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## ***Glendale Volunteer Fire Department Receives Fire Grant***

*Washington, D.C.* – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the Glendale Volunteer Fire Department in Coalport has received a \$33,250 grant through the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program.

The fire company will use the grant for a variety of operational and safety equipment, including new rescue gear and air bags. This grant will allow Glendale's to replace its existing operational, but ageing rescue equipment and airbags. The current units were bought in the late 1970's and early 1980's and are due for replacement.

"This grant will allow the Glendale Volunteer Fire Department to update critical rescue equipment so that they can better serve their community and that is great news," Shuster said. "I applaud the men and women of the fire department for pursuing this funding and I congratulate them on a successful grant application."

"The grant was written in-house by members of the fire department last year, and they need to be applauded for their efforts," said Chief Jack D. Laing. "The grant will be utilized to update rescue equipment that has been in the fire department for over 30 years and will enable the department to continue to provide the citizens of our service area and other areas when requested with rescue service."

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) awards one-year grants directly to fire departments and rescue personnel to support the nation's first responders and the services they deliver. The Department of Homeland Security's Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP) administers the program, in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

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